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H. R. 3478

To redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. OTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On November 10, 1775, the Continental
6 Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolu-
7 tion directing that “two Battalions of Marines be

1 raised” for service as landing forces with the fleet,
2 thereby establishing the Continental Marines and
3 signifying the birth of the United States Marine
4 Corps.

5 (2) The Marines throughout the Nation’s his-
6 tory have often been called upon to be the first into
7 battle and have accepted this duty without hesitation
8 and with a sense of honor and esprit de corps that
9 is second to none.

10 (3) Marine Corps units constitute approxi-
11 mately 20 percent of the United States military’s ac-
12 tive ground maneuver battalions, 20 percent of the
13 active fighter/attack squadrons, 17 percent of the at-
14 tack helicopters, and nearly one third of the ground
15 combat service support in the active forces.

16 (4) Throughout the 226-year history of the
17 Navy and Marine Corps, they have fought side by
18 side as a cohesive team against any interests that
19 would do the Nation harm.

20 (5) The Marine Corps is the only service in the
21 Department of Defense without a specific service
22 Secretary.

23 (6) The Secretary of the Navy serves as both
24 the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the Ma-
25 rine Corps.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN TITLE OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.**

2 (a) CHANGE IN TITLE.—The position of the Sec-
3 retary of the Navy is hereby redesignated as the Secretary
4 of the Navy and Marine Corps.

5 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Secretary of
6 the Navy in any law, regulation, document, record, or
7 other paper of the United States shall be considered to
8 be a reference to the Secretary of the Navy and Marine
9 Corps.

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